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1. "Attached to the 'Dzerzhinski Chemical Combine of Agricultural Fertilizers' in the town of Dzerzhinski, 32 km. west of the town of Gorki are several large shops producing explosives which were built during World War II.
2. "These shops produce mainly explosives for charging antitank and anti-infantry mines. The explosives known to be produced are:
  - 'Alloy L', consisting of 95 per cent trotyl and 5 per cent xylyl;
  - 'Ammonal S', consisting of 82 per cent ammonium nitrate, 12 per cent trotyl and 6 per cent powdered aluminum;
  - 'Amatol 50/50', consisting of 50 per cent ammonium nitrate and 50 per cent trotyl;
  - 'Large trotyl slabs', weighing 400 grams
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3. "The raw materials in the form of benzol and products of the timber and mining industries are available in unlimited quantities and transported to this place by way of the Volga water system."

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